Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* In the case of these special supplements of important papers like the "Madras Mail" we get publicity not particularly with regard to one item alone. We get general publicity and the State is in need of publicity because we are doing so many good things and a little publicity on our part will not be amiss. *(Hear, hear):*

NUMBER OF MENIALS IN THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT—PARTICULARS OF

97. Mr. C. K. S. Moni *(Nominated):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the total number of menials in the Judicial Department;

(*b*) the number of Arayans, if any?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) 283.

(*b*) Nil.

Mr. M. L. Joseph *(Latin-Christains-Cranganur):* May I know, Sir, why Arayans are not seen appointed in the menial staff?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* I shall enquire and find out.

STATISTICS RELATING TO VILLAGES—PUBLICATION OF

98. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the compilation of certain statistics relating to villages in the State collected by Rao Sahib K. Achyuta Menon, the previous Diwan Peishkar has been finished;

(*b*) whether Government have considered about the desirability of publishing these statistics as a book as promised in their reply to question No. 194 (*b*) on 28th July 1939?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) There is no necessity to publish them now, as most of the information collected will be found in the village book published by the Census Commissioner.

NOTIFICATION No. 506 PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE DATED 4TH MITHUNAM 1117

99. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will Government kindly state whether Notification No. 506, published in the Government Gazette of 4th Mithunam 1117, is a true copy of the British Indian notification to the same effect?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* The Government of India Notification is closely followed in drafting the Notification, necessary modifications being introduced to suit the requirements in the State.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know what exactly is the meaning of the word "Arhatiya" in that notification?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Commission agent.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* The meaning of that word is not given there.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* It is a Gujeratti word. It has not been defined.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know whether Government will realise that the introduction of such words does not convey any meaning to the public, otherwise, I would not have put that question.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* It was not defined.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know whether in future at least when they are trying to make notifications to make it clear so that the public may understand what exactly is meant by Government.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I shall look into the matter. The meaning is more or less clear by the phrase that goes before—"anyone transaction, and includes sales by any one person on behalf of another as a commission agent or as a Arhatiya." Phrases having the same meaning are put there.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* My request is that the Government may in future at least make the meaning very clear in such cases, the Hon'ble Member, because he was a member of the judiciary and a very efficient lawyer may know it. But to a layman it is very difficult to understand these notifications. I happen to be one of the laymen who would like to know the meaning of such terms.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Yes. We will look into it.

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